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To: Frances, Valerie

Subject: Public comment regarding removal of bleached lecithin from the list of allowables in organic food production

Attachments: ATTACHMENT.TXT

Dear committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed removal of bleached lethicin from the list of allowable synthetics for organic production.

Organic lecithin and organic alternatives to lecithin do exist, even in powdered form. One of our products, RIBUS' organic Nu-RICE® is such an alternative that allows organic food producers the ability to replace synthetic lecithin with an organic emulsifier derived from organic rice. This particular product is supplied in dry form, giving organic producers choice and flexibility of which form of organic lecithin (such as supplied by Clarkson Grain) and lecithin like emulsifiers (as Nu-RICE from RIBUS) they wish to use.

With the commercial availability of these options of certified organic emulsifiers, why should a synthetic lecithin continue to enjoy the status of being an allowable synthetic?

Consequently, if removal is approved, this action will give incentive to those who would seek to develop organic functional alternatives to allowable synthetics. I trust the committee would view this consequence as a forward looking favorable development.

Best regards,

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